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Subject: Special announcement from the CAO: December 22, 2021: New COVID-19 Restrictions
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Hello everyone,

I am writing today to provide you with more information about the recent announcements from the Provincial Health Officer and the impacts on our staff and the community.

We are now in the fifth wave of the pandemic. We have been informed by Dr. Bonnie Henry that the latest variant is extremely transmissible, and that we have a collective responsibility to do everything we can to slow the spread. New orders and recommendations are in place December 23 to January 18, and we are responding as follows:

- [Weight rooms are closed and fitness and dance programs have been cancelled until January 18, 2022](#)
- We are returning to previous practices and asking staff to wear masks in the workplace, except when sitting at your desk
- Six feet of physical distancing at the workplace will resume where possible
- Capacity limits on meetings rooms will resume
- When practical, some staff will be asked to resume remote work
- Meetings should be held virtually whenever possible
- Depending on the department, additional measures will be implemented by your supervisors where appropriate

These are certainly challenging and stressful times. As a result of the new orders, some staff in Community Services will have their shifts impacted. We are exploring opportunities to temporarily redeploy those staff and they will be contacted by their supervisors within the next 24 hours.

We also continue to get reports of positive COVID-19 cases in our facilities among staff and the public and we have launched a new web page that lists all reported cases. Please check westvancouver.ca/news/covid-19-updates/positive-tests regularly to see if there are any cases reported in your work area. We will no longer be issuing email alerts for each case.

Reports tell us that the new variant can result in mild symptoms for some people, similar to a cold. If you have any [symptoms](#) at all, please consult your doctor or visit

[HealthLink BC](#) for information. Do not come to work.

I would like to thank the many staff who have already verified their vaccine status. We know this is the best strategy to combat the spread of COVID-19. Getting vaccinated, and getting your booster when you are called to, is more important than ever as case numbers surge in BC, across the country, and around the world. As a team, we will do what is necessary to protect staff, the community, and our healthcare system.

I know that I repeat this in every update, but it is very important and I mean it in all sincerity: Please take care of yourselves, your families and each other. Remember that help is available, whether you access Employee and Family Assistance Program through [Lifeworks](#), or to additional psychological and counselling [options](#).

If you have not already done so, here is how to get vaccinated:

- Register for your vaccine [here](#).
- Find the drop-in clinic closest to you [here](#).

I want to thank everyone for doing your part to protect yourselves, your families and those around you. When we do so, we also protect and strengthen public health in the face of this pandemic. If you have questions about how new restrictions affect you, please contact your HR Advisor.

Robert

Robert Bartlett

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This is from PHAC and is their latest modelling for the week of July 30. See page 10 for prediction of Covid-19 case growth and page 11 for comparison with UK with spread of Delta – <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/phac-aspc/documents/services/diseases-maladies/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/epidemiological-economic-research-data/update-covid-19-canada-epidemiology-modelling-20210730-en.pdf>

Why the delta variant is spreading COVID-19 so quickly — and what that means for Canada – <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/why-delta-variant-spreads-fast-covid-1.6120982>

Delta variant as contagious as chickenpox, CDC says - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/delta-variant-cdc-contagious-1.6124795>

Two doses of Pfizer, AstraZeneca COVID-19 shots effective against delta variant, study finds – <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/pfizer-astrazeneca-versus-delta-1.6113014>

Pfizer to seek U.S. authorization for COVID booster shot as delta variant spreads – <https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/pfizer-booster-us-fda-1.6095891>

U.K.'s Delta Rollercoaster Flips Between Virus Horror and Hope – <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-07-31/u-k-s-delta-rollercoaster-flips-between-virus-horror-and-hope>

Delta spreads 'like wildfire' as doctors study whether it makes patients sicker – <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/delta-spreads-like-wildfire-as-doctors-study-whether-it-makes-patients-sicker-1.5531741>

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I just sent you a link to the Global BC article!

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<https://www.citynews1130.com/2021/07/28/covid-19-central-okanagan/>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/update-interior-covid-cases-1.6121240>

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FYI - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/update-interior-covid-cases-1.6121240>

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Hi Mark,

Notes from today's Covid-19 briefing are below.

Thanks,
Jenn.

Premier John Horgan

We're ready to put Covid behind us. 3 weeks ago we put out a plan based on numbers and data. DBH modelling shows we're on the right path. Vaccines are climbing and hospitalizations are declining. Tomorrow, step 2 visiting more places, seeing more people and safely celebrating milestones. Travel restrictions end – still advising no non-essential travel from outside the province/

50 people outdoor gatherings are allowed. We can go see a movie with friends. We can watch local sports teams in action.

The layers of protection remain. You still need to wear a mask in indoor public places. The current safety protocols remain until we get to Step 3. Indoor household gatherings remain with one other household or 5 people inside homes.

Make sure we make tentative steps. There are people who are anxious. Get vaccinated, follow public health orders. When we reduce our social interactions we reduce case counts. We're on track to meet all our restart milestones.

Dr. Bonnie Henry

Slow gradual approach. Built in 2 week lag to monitor progress and confidently move forward safely. Shared effort, we can all be proud of what we've achieved. The data shows us we're in good position. Minimum threshold of 65% of adults has been more than met vaccinated. We've exceeded 75%, we will continue to monitor before moving forward with the next step. We expect continued progress to have more social interactions.

Step 2:

Outdoor personal gatherings up to 50 people that we know are allowed.

Indoor seated gatherings of up to 50 people with Covid safety plans are allowed. This includes events in restaurants and cinemas.

Indoor faith gatherings are allowed with a minimum of 50 people or 10% of capacity if the church is larger. The outdoor gatherings number remains the same but you no longer need to be seated, small outdoor weddings allowed.

Sports:

Outdoor sports may have up to 50 spectators.

Indoor sports and high intensity fitness classes can resume with Covid safety plans in place.

Liquor service in restaurants and bars to be extended to 12am

Nonessential travel ban lifted. Can visit and travel across BC.

All other restrictions remain in place.

Indoor household gatherings to remain small, 1 other household or 5 people.

Physical distancing and masks are still required.

Staying home and getting tested when sick is important.

While lower, there are still transmissions happening in communities.

Workplaces:

Public Health is working with Work Safe BC to transition businesses from having Covid safety plans to provide communicable disease safety plan to move away from planning for Covid alone.

We need to continue to have strong safety plans and continue to use layers of protection.

This is a shared effort, respect that those around you may not be moving at the same pace as you. Be respectful of those in the community who are not comfortable with the changes.

Minister Dix

Today is a good day. 3 weeks ago we said we're moving to Step 1 and we said we're required to follow the data. Over 4m immunizations across BC. More than 3.4m first doses, 600k second doses. 400k doses given last week.

We said this would be a step by step process. We've followed the evidence, decline in case counts, hospitalizations and those in critical care. We need to continue to follow the path. People need to register and get the vaccine. It's critical that we continue the momentum.

Over the last 2 weeks of June we're expecting 962k doses of Moderna. There is more capacity in our system. There are clinics and popups across BC for people to get the first dose. Planning now for receiving the increase of Moderna vaccine.

Vaccines:

Second doses are prioritized based on age, with priority going to those who have a longer interval of the first dose. Invites are going out around week 6-7 to book in order to get the vaccine around week 8-9. The best second dose for those who received Astra Zeneca is the first shot that is offered.

It's likely we see an increase in cases next week as we open up more. There are people who may not be ready with the changes.

We want to focus on people in BC travelling in BC. Premier Horgan's advice to other Canadians unless you have business in BC is to stay where you are, you'll be welcomed back we get to Step 3 BC on July 1. We need time to assess the impact on the changes from today.

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